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2. He was very rambling and confusing about whether he had N.O. tel. number(s) for Raoul. He claimed that the FBI had interviewed two black maids, something about a gangster-owned motel. He also claimed that he gave Percy Foreman the last four digits of a N.O. number. I thought Ray was sitting on the secret Raoul phone number(s). Can you clarify?
3. Ray is in FOIA pursuit of something he calls the "four-mile statements"--statements made by all Memphis cops within four miles of the Lorraine. Do these exist? My impression was that Ray was going on heresay--that no one knew if these existed. Do they? If so they would indeed be crucial.
4. Despite a half dozen very sympathetic entrees, he would not discuss or elaborate on in any way the conspiracy or conspirators, he wouldn't even make general references to anything beyond Raoul. Do you think he has ideas he's too scared to share?
5. His "security" seems extraordinary. "Segregation"--locked up 24 hours a day behind nine gates. Has he been "segregated" since his last escape?
6. He claims that when he has enough new data via FOIA, Mark Lane will return with a white hat and defend him at his new trial. He seems to have blocked out the Cowden debacle.
7. He didn't seem at all interested in the stuff I passed on to him about the Jim's Grill witness and the Raoul data turned up by the two Canadian reporters.

But it was worth the trip to get a feel for his mentality--at least as it exists now.

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Any thoughts or clarifications you have on Ray's letter or his enclosures will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,



*Don't forget to pay*

DATE: Dec 23 1965

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TENNESSEE

Received of Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr. the  
sum of \$10<sup>00</sup>. Said monies being sent  
by mail to James Earl Ray, with aliases, from CAROL PERE  
who resides at 1055 BELLEVUE MAPLEWOOD, MO. 63143

SISTER The above sum was received in the form of  
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James Earl Ray, County Jail

RAY RAY - 710 ANN AVE,  
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